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SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION

As the named inventor on the above-referenced pending United States patent application, I hereby declare that I believe that I invented the subject matter that is presently claimed in the United States patent application referenced above, that I am the sole, original inventor of such subject matter and further that I understand that the claims pending in the United States patent application referenced above are those attached hereto as Attachment 1.

I hereby further declare that the subject matter defined by the attached claims as currently pending in the above-referenced United States patent application was part of my invention and was invented by me before the effective filing date to which the application, as above identified, is entitled.

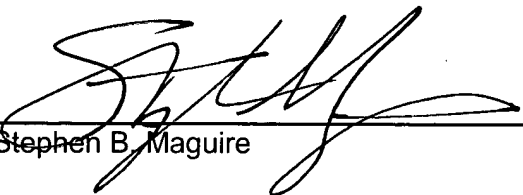
I hereby further state that I have again reviewed and affirm that I understand the contents of the application specification, including the claims pending in the application as such claims are attached hereto as Attachment 1.

I again acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations of United States of America, Section 1.56, and which is material to the examination of the patent application as identified above, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable patent examiner in the

United States Patent and Trademark Office would consider that information important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a United States patent. I further declare and affirm that I have disclosed all such information through the attorney of record to the United States Patent and Trademark Office and have received copies of such submissions as made to the United States Patent and Trademark Office from our attorneys.

I hereby further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the patent application referenced above or of any patent to issue therefrom.

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